La Peña Cultural Center
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Two-Month Calendar
(See back for June 2010 35th Anniversary Issue)
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La Peña Cultural Center

Administrative Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm
(510) 849-2568
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(press *2 for staff directory)
email: info@lapena.org / www.lapena.org

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FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

The café is an independently operated family business run by Pablo and Miriam Valenzuela.
Wed. & Thurs.: 5:30pm-9:30pm
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Saturdays: 11am-10:30pm
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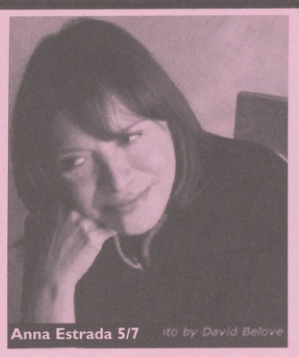
La Peña disclaimer: Since 1975, more than 1,000 community groups have used La Peña's space. The use of our space does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña believes that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion & understanding among different peoples & points of view.

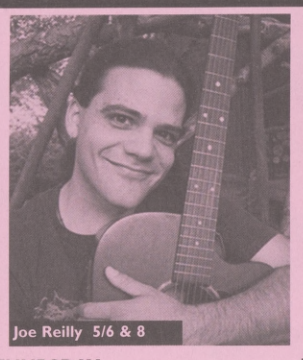
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La Peña Cultural Center • Calendar of events • May 2010

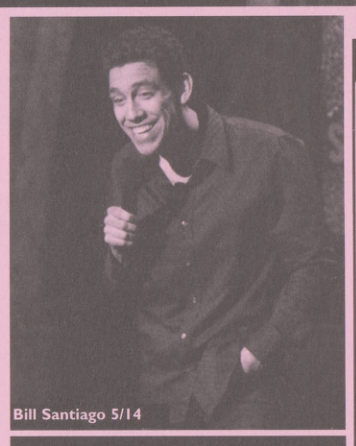
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Grupo Raiz 5/15


Anna Estrada 5/7 Photo by David Belove


Joe Reilly 5/6 & 8


La Chismosa!!! 5/29


Bill Santiago 5/14


Andres Alejandro 5/21


Soulaju 5/1



Sat. May 8: Joe Reilly's Children of the Earth Show, *Environmental Songs for All Ages.* Joe's way of sharing music with children is inspiring, empowering, & educational. An interactive show that helps people of all ages deepen their relationships with themselves & their environment.
10:30am $5 adults $4 kids

Sat. May 22: El Teatro Campesino's *Basta Basura/Enough Trash*. Join *Rosa Maria* and her *amigos* of the sea as she defeats *Beto Basura* with the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
10:30am $5 adults $4 kids

Sat. May 29: *Guaranguito*, *La Peña's Peruvian Youth Ensemble* presents music, song & dances from Coastal Peru. A FUNraiser for their costumes. Dir. by Pedro Rosales & Gabriela Shiroma. Guest artists: Marina La Valle, Rosa Los Santos, Daniel Zamalloa and Javier Trujillo. **10:30am. Donation $10 / $5 kids.**

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS MUSIC CLASSES WWW.LAPENA.ORG

SUNDAY

2 COMMUNITY RUMBA 3:30-6PM

CONCERT
The Prayer Songs Project Presents
Middle Eastern Bossa Nova
Joseh Garcia & **Lior Tsarfaty** in concert with special guest **Jennifer Berezan**. A multicultural evening where Brazilian and Middle Eastern music intertwine.
7:30pm $18 adv. $20 dr.
Day of show senior/student ticket $15

9 MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT

Singer/Songwriter Performance Showcase
Don't miss this incredible group of Bay Area singer/songwriters sharing their amazing talent.
The event is on Mother's Day, which makes it the perfect gift for the special moms in your life!
6pm $10
(Special Mother's Day adv. tickets price of $7.50 available online only)

16 COMMUNITY RUMBA 3:30-6PM

A multi-generational evening incorporating food, food politics, art & sharing.
FOODSHARE
Community-building event celebrating cutting edge work being done by young people and their adult mentors to build a more just and sustainable food system in the Bay Area. There will be appetizing drinks, scrumptious food, book signings, visual art presentations & a cookbook swap.
7pm $15

23 MEXICAN TARDEADA 3-6PM

Revolutionary Ecology
Recognition of the 20th anniversary of the bomb attack on Earth First! activist Judi Bari with speakers, music & film. Sponsored by Earth First and Headwaters coalition.
For more info: 510-548-3113
7pm Free
(donations gladly accepted)*

30 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

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"Time and again we come to La Peña to celebrate and heal, to teach and learn. Through the years La Peña's music and poetry and films and forums have become a part of our lives as a community. La Peña is a treasure and a triumph."
Barbara Lubin, Middle East Children's Alliance
35th Anniversary: See June on the back

WEDNESDAY

5 CONCERT

Braulio Barrera y La Tribu
Outstanding vocalist and percussionist Braulio Barrera joins forces with guitarists José Soto and Daniel Zamalloa, bassist Carlos Britto, as well as percussionists Batalá Palomino and Pedro Rosales to perform traditional Afro-Peruvian music with an innovative twist.
8pm $12 adv. $15 dr.

12 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

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"At La Peña many dreams are told and out of those dreams our future will come."
Dennis Banks, American Indian Movement
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19 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

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26 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

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THURSDAY

6 CONCERT

Joe Reilly
With drummer O. Andrew Schreiber and percussionist Dale Largent featuring music from Joe's new CD, *Touch the Earth*.
Visit Joe's site for a sample of his music: www.joereilly.org.
Joe's music has been featured on NPR's Living on Earth.
8pm $5-$10 sliding scale

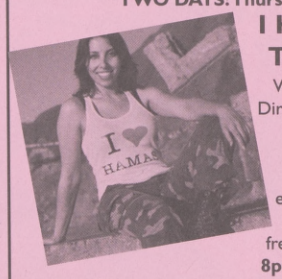
13 CONCERT

Community Bridge Video and Music for the Sole Entertainment Present
A Benefit for The View Finders
Featuring **Irie924, Upwords Movement** & **Ajuanna Black**.
8pm $25 adv. $30 dr.
$10 students with valid ID.

20 ASIAN AMERICAN SHOWCASE

OHANA!
A sophisticated evening of Asian American music, poetry, and performance, featuring the very best of local talent.
Brought to you by **RAMA**
Visit: www.gostudiorama.com for program line up.
7:30pm $8 gen.
$5 w/student ID*

27 SOLO PERFORMANCE

TWO DAYS: Thursday & Friday, May 27 & 28

I Heart Hamas: And Other Things I'm Afraid to Tell You
Written & Performed by **Jennifer Jajeh.** Dir. by **W. Kamau Bell.** Join Jennifer Jajeh on auditions, bad dates, and across military checkpoints as she navigates the thorny terrain around Palestinian identity. Jajeh explores how she becomes Palestinian-ized, politicized and eventually radicalized in a fresh, often funny, searingly honest way.
8pm $15 adv. $20 dr.

FRIDAY

7 CONCERT

Anna Estrada & Almasferas
Anna Estrada and her band bring you a diverse palette of Brazilian and Latin Jazz that has identified her as one of the emerging Latina artists on the jazz scene. Latin, Jazz, & Brazilian standards are brought to life with grooves from across the Americas.
8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

14 COMEDY

The (Funny) of Latin Dance
Bill Santiago
Calling all salsaholics, tango freaks, bachata addicts, merengue maniacs, chachaficionados, and bailamosapiens... who like a good laugh! Stand-up comic Bill Santiago riffs on his feet, about his feet and yours. Be ready to participate.
8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

21 CONCERT

Noche de Música Criolla
Peruvian singer
Andres Alejandro
will perform the best of his repertoire in a magical night full of Creole Peruvian tradition, elegance and passion. Musicians include: **Vladimir Vukanovich** on guitar, **Jose Soto** on bass, **Kyla Danysh** on violin, **Pedro Rosales** on Peruvian *cajon*. Dir. by Pedro Rosales.
8pm $13 adv. $15 dr.

28 HUMOR & LIVE THEATRE

SATURDAY

1 CONCERT

Soulaju May Day Jam
w/La Pena's own Dr. Susie.
Soulaju is a community-oriented, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual male/female music duo based in Denver, CO. SOULAJU blends Hip-Hop, Neo-Soul, and World music to move bodies and free minds.
Doors @ 9pm
$10 gen. $5 youth 18 & under

8 JOE REILLY KIDS SHOW 10:30AM

Celebrate Los Mapaches' 11th year of making music!
Los Mapaches
Take a musical adventure and travel south through Mexico, Panama, the tropical sounds of Venezuela and Colombia, and to the Andes of Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia.
7pm $12 adv. $15 dr.
$5 kids adv. & dr.

15 SPECIAL 35TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES

Grupo Raiz
With their vast Latin American repertoire, the sextet returns to the stage where they were born 30 years ago to celebrate La Peña's 35th anniversary. They will pay a musical tribute to the main voices of the Nueva Canción and celebrate with the sounds of strings and winds the legacy of the Bay Area solidarity movement.
8pm $20 adv. $25 dr.

22 TEATRO CAMPESINO 10:30AM

Bang Data
with special guests Maleco Collective & DJ "El Kool Kyle" Spinning Rock Alterlatino, Cumbia, Hip Hop, & Latin Funk. Bang Data features members of Zlon 1 Crew, Orixa, & Flipsyde.
Doors @ 8:30pm
$10

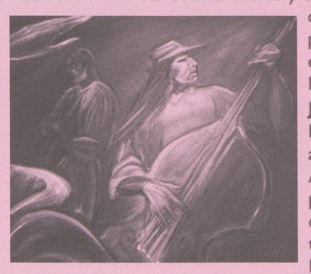
29 GUARANGUITO KIDS SHOW 10:30AM

Adelina Anthony's
La Chismosa!!!
Directed by **D'Lo,** Adelina takes up hilarious stereotypes and even creates new ones! La Chismosa!!! interweaves migratory border issues, the juxtaposition of Xicana-Indigeneity with pop culture, Facebook chisme, mental issues for Xicanas who may be a wee bit paranoid and a provocative look at sexuality through her character's zany perspective(s).
8pm $15 adv. $18 dr.

Enlaces Series Presents
Y Al Ritmo E' Zapateo
the fourth part of Enlaces, a series of music and dance performances exploring various cultural connections or "enlaces" within the Spanish speaking world.
Saturday, May 22, 2010 • 8pm
Community Music Center, 544 Capp St., S.F.
(415) 647-6015 $10 gen. $5 discount.
The Community Music Center, La Peña Cultural Center, and Gabriela Shiroma of De Rompe y Raja are proud to present Enlaces. Made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Happy Thirtyfive La Peña
See June 2010 on the back

LA PEÑA'S EXHIBITS • MAY / JUNE 2010



May 5 - June 5: Café, Lobby, and Theater. ***La Peña's Silent Auction***. La Peña will be holding a silent auction in connection with our 35th anniversary celebration. If you have rare collectibles, art work, business services or access to unique events that can be auctioned at our event, please consider making a contribution today. Contact Laura by email at laura@lapena.org or by phone at (510) 849-2568 x 14. Final day of silent auction is June 5th.

June 10 - June 30: Café, Lobby, and Theater. **La Peña a los 35/La Peña at 35.** A retrospective look at La Pena's 35 years of art, activism and community work including a portable mural by Juana Alicia Montoya and Tirso Gonzalez. The community is invited to participate in our community history project/installation by sending or bringing photos, flyers, posters, press clippings or videos related to La Peña events for inclusion in this exhibit. Materials mailed to La Peña should be sent to the attention of Laura Ruiz.

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Chico Trujillo 6/4

CULTURE • ART • EDUCATION • INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY • COMMUNITY ACTION

5 REASONS TO CELEBRATE JUNE 5

35 years later, La Peña's mission of creating a welcoming & affordable space to promote cultural understanding, peace, solidarity, and community action through the arts & education remains as vital as ever. LIKE BRAND NEW!

La Peña 35th Anniversary Celebrations

La Peña Cooltural Center's Street Festival will take place on June 5th (La Peña Day in Berkeley) at Prince St. and Shattuck Ave. from 12-6pm. At 9pm in the theatre, the ***Bomberas de la Bahía***, a popular Puerto Rican Bomba ensemble in the Bay Area will team up withNY's ***Rebel Diaz*** to top the bill with a birthday dance party. Please check the calendar below for more celebrations.

If art & culture is your destination, then La Peña is the right location!



June 12 & 13
35th Anniversary Musical Suite
World Premiere!
La Peña – Ayer, Hoy, y Pa'lante



Jovelyn Richards 6/27



Linda Tillery & The Cultural Heritage Choir 6/18



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

2 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

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Make a difference through the arts! **Support La Peña!** During these tough economic times, individual contributions make a significant difference in La Peña's annual programming. If you can, please make a donation to support our plethora of art.

3 HIP-HOP FILM FEST

Estilo Hip Hop

The film chronicles the lives of three hip hop enthusiasts from Brazil, Chile, and Cuba who firmly believe that hip hop can change the world. As we delve into the lives of **Eli Efi**, **Guerrillero Okulto,** and **Magia**, we learn of three inspirational leaders responsible for mobilizing young people to become politically active.

8pm $5

4 BAY AREA DEBUT!

35th Anniversary Series: Welcome to La Peña the new Latin American music phenomenon

Chico Trujillo

The *cumbia chilombiana*, Chico Trujillo's trademark infectious rhythm is a new version of classic cumbia, bolero, ska & rock mixed with traditional Chilean rhythms. The band performs to raving reviews, concerts for the freedom of Mapuche political prisoners to the stages of major world capitals.

8-10pm $15 adv. $18 dr.

5 HAPPY B'DAY LA PEÑA

La Peña Day in Berkeley
35th Anniversary Celebrations
Street Carnival & Fair
Prince St. & Shattuck Ave.
12 - 6pm Free

Bombazo Rebelde!
La Peña's Birthday Dance Party
Las Bomberas de La Bahia & Rebel Diaz
9pm $10 adv. $12 dr.
Partial Benefit for La Peña

SUNDAY

6 COMMUNITY RUMBA 3:30-6PM

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9 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

"Singing at La Peña always serves to remind me of the power in sharing cultures. It allows us to understand one nother better and to break down the barriers others would have divide us. La Peña's existence gives us hope for a better world. ¡Que viva La Peña!"
Pete Seeger, folk singer

10 HIP-HOP FILM FEST

Sounds of A New Hope

A documentary film about the life of Filipino-American **MC Kiwi** and the growing use of hip-hop as an organizing tool in the people's movement for national liberation and democracy in the Philippines.

8pm $5

11 COMMUNITY MURALS

Join the
Trust Your Struggle Collective,
World Bridges, and ALAY to support a delegation of Bay Area community workers, youth, and artists traveling to the Philippines to facilitate a series of community mural projects. Art, Photography, Musical Preformances, Food, and Live Silkscreening all night! All ages!

8pm $10 donation

12 10:30AM

2 Days: 35th Anniversary World Premiere!
La Peña – Ayer, Hoy, y Pa'lante
A new suite of music about La Peña & the diverse cultural and political movements that make up our community. By **Wayne Wallace** with libretto by **Aya de Leon** performed by the **La Peña International Orchestra**
8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.
$2 discount for bringing La Peña memorabilia to put on the Community History Installation.

13 35TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

35th Anniversary World Premiere!
La Peña – Ayer, Hoy, y Pa'lante
By Wayne Wallace & Aya de Leon with *La Peña International Orchestra*: Dave Flores, DJ Wonway Posibul, Hector Lugo, Jose Corado, Lichi Fuentes, Masura Koga, Valerie Troutt. Guest Artists: Bobi Cespedes, Fernando Torres, John Carlos Perea, Osvaldo Torres (Direct from Chile, via France!) Rafael Manríquez, Saed Muhhsin.
7pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

16 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

"I am certain that the rituals and the good wishes and prayers of folks at La Peña have helped me recover thus far, and this energy is helping me to get back to being myself."
Diane di Prima, San Francisco Poet Laureate

17 HIP-HOP FILM FEST

HomeGrown: HipLife in Ghana

A documentary film about the group ***V.I.P. (Vision In Progress)***. The film documents ten years of their journey from the ghetto in Accra to their first international tour. The tension between traditional values & international stardom unfolds as they grow from being teenagers with a shared dream to musicians with fans around the world.

8pm $5

18 35TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES

Induction Ceremony & Concert
La Peña is proud to recognize & induct into our Hall of Fame, singer, folk researcher & community activist

Linda Tillery

Linda & **The Cultural Heritage Choir** will share the rich musical traditions of African American roots music. Their music is rooted in the deep south and strongly connected to their West African and Caribbean origins.

8pm $20 adv. $25 dr.

19 CONCERT

35th Anniversary Series: Recognized by Chile's Aymara community as its cultural ambassador

Osvaldo Torres

Torres' artistic craft began in the 60s when he founded the Andean group Illapu. Under the 70's dictatorship his talent was praised when he wrote, for the relatives of missing prisoners, the clandestine musical La Vigilia. With local singer ***Lichi Fuentes***, the folk researcher & storyteller presents a feat of original melodies & riveting lyrics.

8:30pm $15 adv. $18 dr.

20 COMMUNITY RUMBA 3:30-6PM

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23 FILM

Operation Small Axe

(65 min.) An award-winning film and the latest production release from 393Films. The film documents the events surrounding Oscar Grant, Lovelle Mixon, & POCC Minister of Information JR Valrey. Filmmaker Adimu Madyun will be on hand for Q&A.

7:30pm $10 gen.
$8 students w/ID

24 ASIAN AMERICAN SHOWCASE

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7:30pm $8 gen.
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25 DANCE PARTY

Bodirock entertainment presents
Burn This Disco Out
Celebrating the life, legacy, & music of the King of Pop **Michael Jackson**! Rock your Favorite MJ Gear! Hosted by Bodirock Emcee. Live performance by Bodirock, Housin' Authority, Mix'd Ingredients, Bodirock Emcee & Groovemekanex! MJ Door Raffle Prizes!

8pm $10 adults
$5 kids 12 & under

26 DANCE

Mucho Axé

Opening act: **Terro Ritmo** now known as **Vaca Negra**.
Mucho Axé is a 7-piece band performing original compositions with a unique blend of grooves, rhythms, and flavors from Latin America, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Puerto Rico & from here.

9pm $13 gen.
$10 students w/ID

27 MEXICAN TARDEADA 3-6PM

THEATRE

Mrs. Pat's House

Performed by **Jovelyn Richards** with a live band.
Mrs. Pat's House is a 75min. piece set in an African American neighborhood in the mid 1930s. This safe haven known as "A Brothel" brings life and magic to the neighborhood and its occupants.

7pm $12 adv. $15 dr.

30 CAFE VALAPARAISO OPEN

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(Mayan for La Peña 35)

Your Individual Donations Make a Difference!

During these tough economic times, **YOUR** individual donation is critical to support our programs, concerts, classes, exhibits, and community forums. Your support strengthens our mission of promoting peace and social justice through the arts. Please consider making a donation of $5, $10, $20, $30, or more during our 35th anniversay year to ensure the continued survival of all our programs for another 35 years! – *La Peña Staff Collective*



With Rebel Diaz (NY) & Las Bomberas de la Bahía



Osvaldo Torres 6/19



Mucho Axé 6/26

The Rebirth: For street dancers of all styles! Mondays 9-11 PM.
All levels are welcome. An open and inclusive environment for dancers of all levels to cypher, build community, & improvise with live musicians.

Yes! I Support La Peña's 35th Year!

La Peña is a 501(3)c non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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☐ **$50** *Malvina Reynolds* – receive **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**
☐ **$35** *Compañero/Compañera* – You invest in La Peña and receive the calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only $3 per month)
☐ **$25** *Activista* – Student, fixed income, low income membership with calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only $2 per month)

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Reflections

"...I was thinking a lot of you all when the FMLN won the election a couple of weeks ago, thinking about the long tradition of Central Americ̦an/Latin American solidarity work that is part of La Peña's history, the stories of celebration at La Peña when the FSLN took power in '79, and how this recent victory must have been a joyous occasion too for those still around from that era. I especially thought of y'all when I got to see Los Guaraguao ... and heard some of the old solidarity songs I first heard at La Peña. All of that to say I still very much appreciate the time I got to spend with you all and the big political and cultural influence it had on me."
– Eric Romann La Peña Alumni

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